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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 May 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 3 and 4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

- Applicant's Request for Continued Examination filed 5/21/2007 is acknowledged.
- Claim 3 has been amended.
- The previous rejections under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph are withdrawn in light of the amendments.
- Claims 1, 2, and 5-11 were previously cancelled.
- Claims 3 and 4 remain pending.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 3 and 4 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mikkonen (US006587457B1).

- In regards to Claims 3 and 4,

Mikkonen discloses a method of connecting data flows between layers while supporting quality of service (Title; Abstract). Mikkonen discloses how physically transmitted data, such as ATM, is exchanged between processing layers for realizing

wireless communication between two network entities (Fig. 4A; Col. 1, lines 9-18; Col. 2-3, lines 56-20; meets claim 3 – method for communicating packets between communication devices having wireless interfaces via a wireless network).

Mikkonen discloses managing communications based upon labels in the header block of a packet, where labels enable determining/identifying the service class/type and quality of service requirements for the specified service (Fig. 1; Col. 1-2, lines 55-8; Col. 7-8, lines 57-61; Col. 12, lines 4-19; meets claim 3 – determining service class requested by packet based on the header).

Mikkonen discloses a flow label defined for a packet that identifies the application (upper) layer connection of a packet to be transmitted over a corresponding physical layer connection (Col. 1, lines 58-60; meets claim 3 - specifying, for a packet exchanged from an upper layer to the physical layer, one of multiple connection handles identifying a respective requested service class corresponding to logical channels).

Mikkonen further discloses the defined service classes having this correspondence between upper layer quality of service and physical connections also specify other requirements of the service, including susceptibility to distortion, bandwidth, reliability, delay, etc. (Col. 3-4, lines 61-58; Col. 8, lines 61-65; meets claim 3 - service class indicating a particular quality of service and including a response speed preference, transmission delay preference, distortion preference, guaranteed band area or packet type).

Mikkonen shows that packets are distributed to a particular buffer based upon the determined service, quality of service, and/or other corresponding requirements

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associated with information in the packet's header (Col. 12-13, lines 58-10; meets claim 3 – distributing base band packet to one of a plurality of buffers corresponding to specified service class depending upon determination; claim 4 – transmitting base band packet in one of plurality of buffers to another communication device corresponding to specified service class).

Response to Arguments

3. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 3 and 4 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gregory B. Sefcheck whose telephone number is 571-272-3098. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wing Chan can be reached on 571-272-7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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